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SUBJECT: POST RELATIONSHIP WITH AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

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- 1. EMBASSY DUBLIN HAS AN EXTREMELY CLOSE AND FRIENDLY WORKING RELATIONSHIP WITH THE UNITED STATES CHAMBER OF COMMERCE IN IRELAND. PART OF THE CLOSENESS OF THE RELATIONSHIP IS ATTRIBUTABLE TO THE FACT THAT THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE CHAMBER IS A FORMER DCM OF THIS EMBASSY WHO RETIRED IN IRELAND, AND WHO IS A LONG-TIME FRIEND OF THE AMBASSADOR.
- 2. THE AMBASSADOR, DCM AND ECONOMIC/COMMERCIAL OFFICER ARE IN FREQUENT CONTACT WITH NOT ONLY THE CHAMBER'S EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR BUT WITH OTHER OFFICERS OF THE CHAMBER AS WELL. THIS ASSURES A FREE FLOW OF COMMERCIAL/ECONOMIC INFORMATION AND CONTRIBUTES TOWARD MAKING THE COMMERCIAL EFXORTS OF THE TWO ORGANIZATIONS COMPATIBLE AS WELL AS AVOIDING DUPLICATION OF EFFORT.
- 3. SOME EXAMPLES OF COOPERATIVE EFFORTS BETWEEN THE EMBASSY AND THE CHAMBER ARE WORTH NOTING. THE TWO ORGANIZATIONS HAVE WORKED CLOSELY IN PROVIDING SPEAKERS FOR THE CHAMBER'S MONTHLY LUNCHEON MEETINGS. FOR EXAMPLE, THROUGH ARRANGEMENTS JOINTLY MADE BY THE EMBASSY AND THE CHAMBER, US AMBASSADOR TO THE MTN WILLIAM WALKER WILL ADDRESS A CHAMBER LUNCHEON ON MAY 7 ON THE SUBJECT OF THE VERY TIMELY ISSUE OF TRADE NEGOTIATIONS. ON ANOTHER OCCASION THE CHAMBER AND THE EMBASSY POOLED RESOURCES TO CONDUCT A SURVEY OF UNITED STATES INVESTMENT IN IRELAND. THE EMBASSY IN THE PAST HAS ASSISTED THE CHAMBER IN COMPILING UNCLASSIFIED

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THE AMERICAN BUSINESS DIRECTORY AND IT ROUTINELY PROVIDES THE

CHAMBER WITH MATERIALS AND DIRECTORIES IN EXCESS OF ITS NEEDS. THE CHAMBER FREQUENTLY REFERS COMMERCIAL INQUIRIES DIRECTLY TO THE EMBASSY'S COMMERCIAL OFFICE. NEITHER PARTY HESITATES IN CONTACTING THE OTHER FOR ASSISTANCE.

4. WE WOULD BE INTERESTED IN RECEIVING A SUMMARY REPORT OF THE EXPERIENCE OF OTHER POSTS IN THEIR DEALINGS WITH U.S. CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE, PARTICULARLY IN THE AREA OF JOINT ACTIVITIES. CURLEY

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